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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: OPTICAL DISK STORING BOTH VIDEO TITLES  
PROVIDED WITH AV FUNCTIONS AND VIDEO  
TITLES WITH NO SUCH FUNCTIONS WHICH CAN  
INSTANTLY DISTINGUISH BETWEEN SUCH KINDS  
OF TITLES, AND A REPRODUCTION APPARATUS  
AND REPRODUCTION METHOD FOR SUCH DISC



Examiner:

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the following reference which was found during the prosecution of a co-pending European patent application:

U.S. Patent No. 4,873,585

European Patent Application No. 542 377

European Patent Application No. 685 845

International Patent Application No. WO97/07510  
(with English abstract)

Copies of these references and a form PTO 1449 are attached.

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart European application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on December 13, 2001, by Marc Fregoso

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